

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Applicants note the Examiner's comments regarding joint inventors and confirms that all of the claims were commonly owned at the time the invention was made and the application has been assigned to SHOT, Inc.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1-3 under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection in view of the amendment of the claim taking into consideration the Examiner's comments.

The Examiner has rejected independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-3 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Knazek et al. (WO 90/02171) in view of Goffe (US 5,882,918), Kearney (US 5,424,209), and Pickering (US 4,161,172).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection in view of the following remarks.

Applicant notes that the Examiner states that claims 2 and 3 would be patentable if rewritten to overcome the Rule 112 rejection and include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been canceled in order to place the application in better condition for allowance and claims 2-3 have been amended to place the application in better condition for allowance..

The Examiner has also enclosed prior art made of record and not relied upon but which is considered pertinent to Applicants' disclosure. Applicant has reviewed the additional prior art and agrees with the Examiner that while the references are pertinent they are no more relevant than the cited art.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the claims are patentable over the cited references and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests prompt reconsideration and receipt of the formal Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner believes there are other unresolved issues in this case, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call at (502) 452-1233 to discuss any such remaining issues.

Please charge the fee for the petition for the 3 months extension of time for a small entity in the amount of \$475 to Counsel's deposit account 50-0642.

Respectfully submitted,



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